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AFTER
ARTHUR
ADAMS

STAN LEE PRESENTS:
WOLVERINE

CHOICE IN THE MATTER

IT'S MY WORST NIGHTMARE.

SOMETHING SNAPS INSIDE ME, AND IN LESS TIME THAN IT TAKES TO THINK, I END UP *HURTIN'* SOMEONE I CARE ABOUT REAL BAD.

I CAN SEE WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AND I KNOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON --

-- BUT I'M POWERLESS TO STOP IT...

...UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.

RRRR!

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THIS AIN'T A DREAM, THOUGH. IT'S THE REAL THING.

THE WOMAN LYIN' WOUNDED AT MY FEET GOES BY THE NAME O' WARBIRD, BUT I KNOW HER BETTER AS CAROL DANVERS.

AS FRIENDS GO, THEY DON'T COME MUCH BETTER'N CAROL, WHICH MAKES IT ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO FIGURE WHY I'D TAKE MY CLAWS TO HER.

TO SAY NOTHIN' O' HOW THINGS MUST LOOK TO NEW YORK'S FINEST --!

GET YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE 'EM, FREAK!

AND BACK AWAY FROM THE WOMAN, REAL SLOW.

I DON'T KNOW *WHAT'S* GOTTEN INTO YOU, BUT I'M NOT TAKING ANY --

HAKK RRAAUGH

WHAT I DO DOESN'T HELP MUCH, EITHER.

SGT. PIERCE --!



BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN --
I AIN'T IN CONTROL --
IT SEEMS LIKE I'M
WATCHIN' MYSELF.

I WANT TO GET AWAY
FROM HERE BEFORE I
HURT ANYONE ELSE, BUT
IT'S LIKE I'M TRAPPED
IN MY OWN BODY!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
TO CONTROL MY
OWN ACTIONS --
DIFFICULT TO
EVEN THINK --!

WISH THERE WAS
SOMEBODY WHO
COULD HELP,
BUT -- CRIPES.

VISION, JUSTICE AN'
FIRESTAR -- THREE
O' THE AVENGERS,
LAST I CHECKED.

THE KIDS JOINED UP AN'
THE MEDIA MADE A BIG
FLAMIN' STINK ABOUT
THEIR NEW ROSTER.

I DON'T MAKE IT
A HABIT TO KEEP
TABS ON THE GUYS
BUT IT WAS BLAMED
NEAR EVERYWHERE.

CEASE YOUR
HOSTILE ACTIONS
IMMEDIATELY,
WOLVERINE --

-- OR WE
WILL BE FORCED
TO BRING YOU
IN ON FEDERAL
AUTHORITY.

WE HEARD
YOU AND WARBIRD
HAD A SITUATION
DOWN HERE WITH SOME
MUTANT WOMAN NAMED
POWERHOUSE --



-- BUT FROM THE
LOOKS OF THINGS,
YOU HANDLED IT
OKAY ON YOUR
OWN. ⊗

WHERE
YOU OFF TO
IN SUCH A
HURRY?

⊗ AND THAT THEY DID,
LAST ISSUE. -- MARK



MUST TEST THIS VESSEL!

WHAT THE...? WOLVERINE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?



VISION! WATCH OUT FOR THAT GUY!

?

HE JUST FLIPPED OUT AND ATTACKED YER BUDDY, WARBIRD!



I KNEW SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT HERE!

GET AWAY FROM HIM, VISION!

NO, WARBIRD, STAY BACK --



THIS AIN'T EXACTLY GETTIN' BETTER AS IT GOES ON.

I CAME DOWN HERE TO STOP THE EVIL MUTANT, POWERHOUSE FROM TEARIN' UP THE UNITED NATIONS' BUILDING, BUT I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE SIGNED UP TO HELP FOR ALL THE GOOD I'M DOIN'.

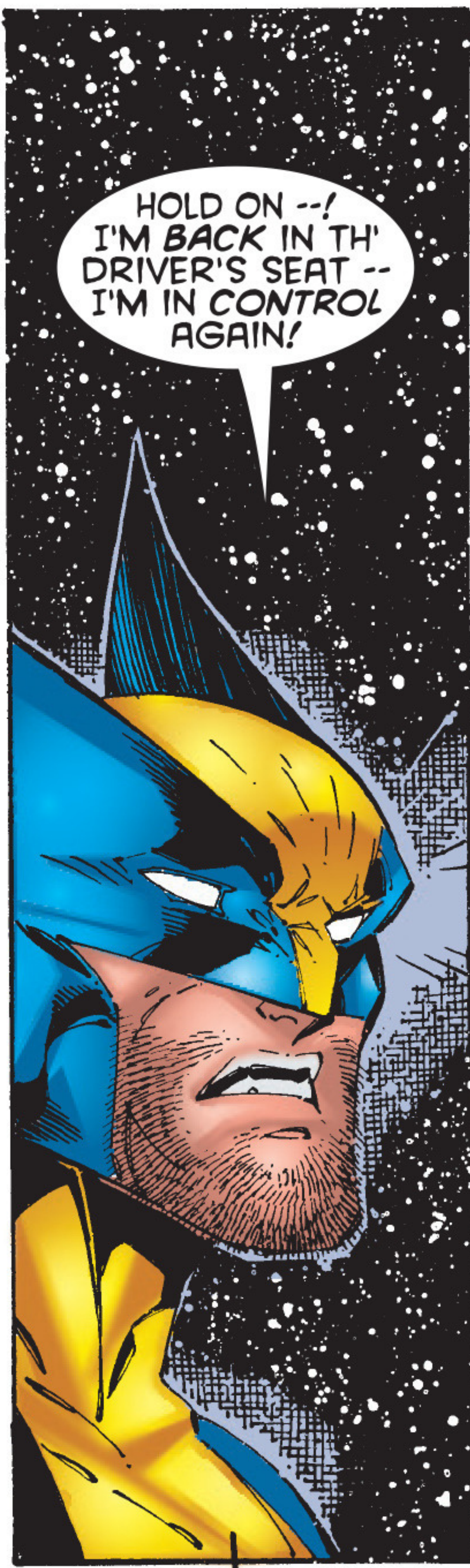
IF I COULD JUST CLEAR MY HEAD...!





WHATEVER'S GOT
HOLD O' ME -- I'M
FIGHTIN' IT, TOOTH
AN' NAIL.

~HUNNGH~
WHAT IN BLAZES
IS WRONG WITH
ME? I --

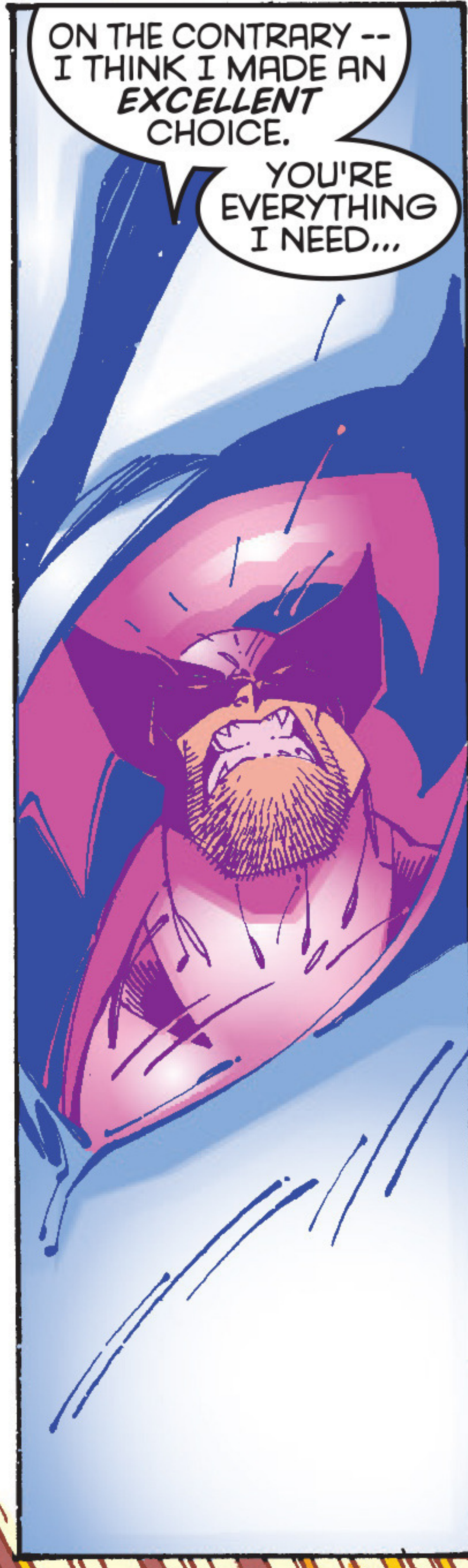


HOLD ON --!
I'M BACK IN TH'
DRIVER'S SEAT --
I'M IN CONTROL
AGAIN!



ARE YOU,
WOLVERINE?

~NNNGH~
I DON'T KNOW WHAT
YOUR GAME IS, LADY, BUT
YOU ~HNNGH~ PICKED THE
WRONG HEAD TO HOP INSIDE!



ON THE CONTRARY --
I THINK I MADE AN
EXCELLENT
CHOICE.

YOU'RE
EVERYTHING
I NEED...



...AND
MORE!

YOU
CRAZY
COSTUMED
LUNATIC!
STOP
CHATTERING
TO YOURSELF
AN' LOOK WHAT
YOU DID TO MY
CAR!

I OUGHT
TO BUST YOUR
FREAKIN'
HEAD --



EEP.

DON'T DO IT,
LADY. THIS GUY
AIN'T A THREAT --
HE'S ALL TALK --!



PERHAPS.
HMMMM. CLAWS
ARE MUCH...
CRUDER THAN I'D
EXPECTED..!

EXPECTED..?
WHAT ARE
YOU GOIN' ON
ABOUT?

**EEEEEE
AUGH!**



WOLVERINE!

WHUMP

I'M NOT CERTAIN WHAT'S **TROUBLING** YOU, FRIEND, BUT YOU'RE CLEARLY NOT **YOURSELF** TONIGHT.

YOU NEED TO GET OFF THE STREETS -- LET ME GET YOU SOME **HELP**.

MOON KNIGHT? THIS JUST KEEPS GETTIN' BETTER BY THE MINUTE. SEEMS EVERY IDIOT WITH A PAIR O' LONG JOHNS IS ON PATROL TONIGHT.

I CAN'T EVEN WARN THE SUCKER THAT HE JUST FOUND HIMSELF ONE MESS O' TROUBLE.

I HAVE NO NEED FOR **HELP!**

KRAACK

PITY YOU CAN NOT --!

NO!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYIN' TO DO, **KILL 'IM?** HE'S ALREADY UNCONSCIOUS, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!

THE GUY WAS JUST TRYIN' TO **HELP** --

-- YOU CAN'T JUST RUN 'IM THROUGH WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT!

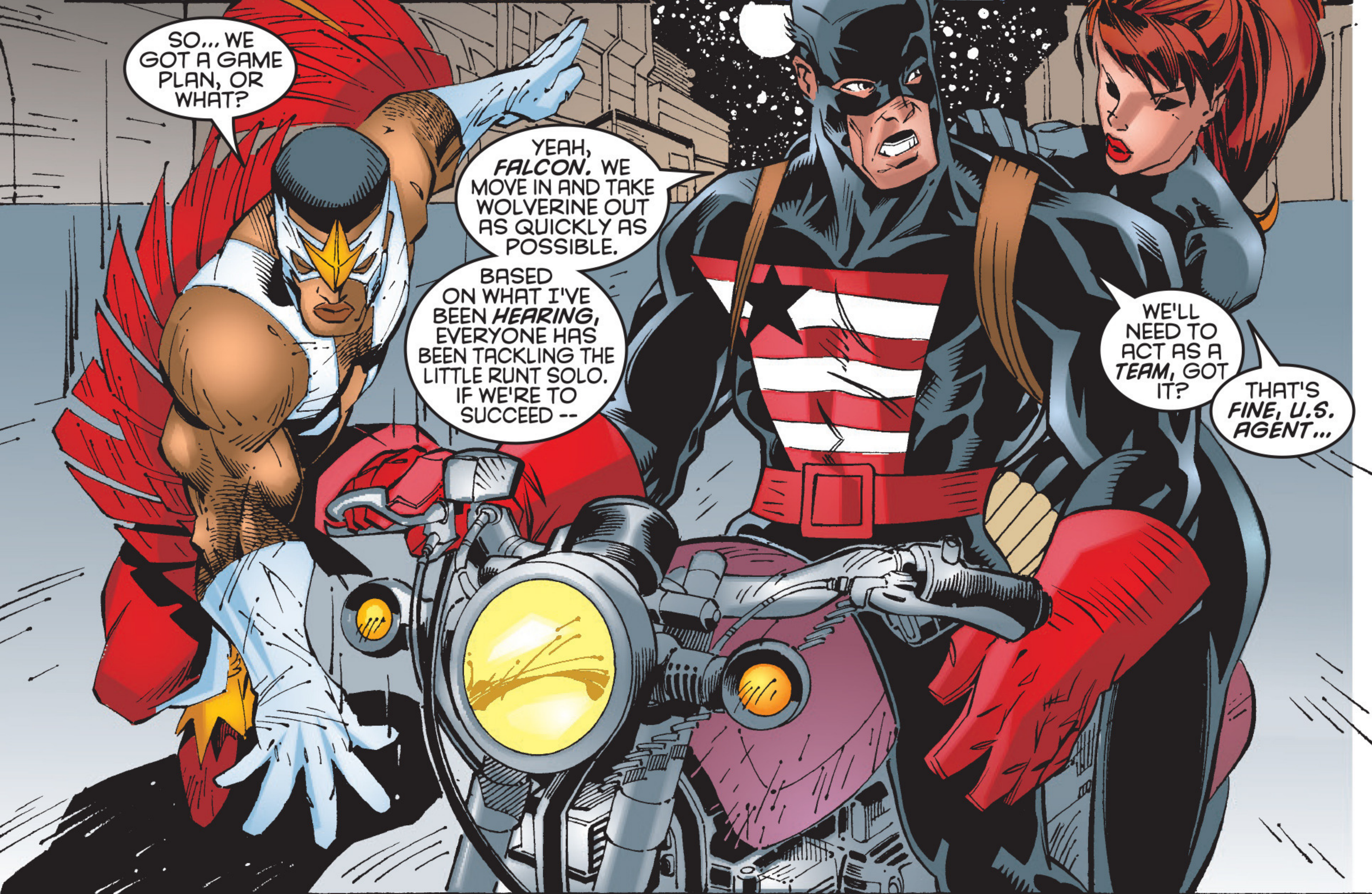
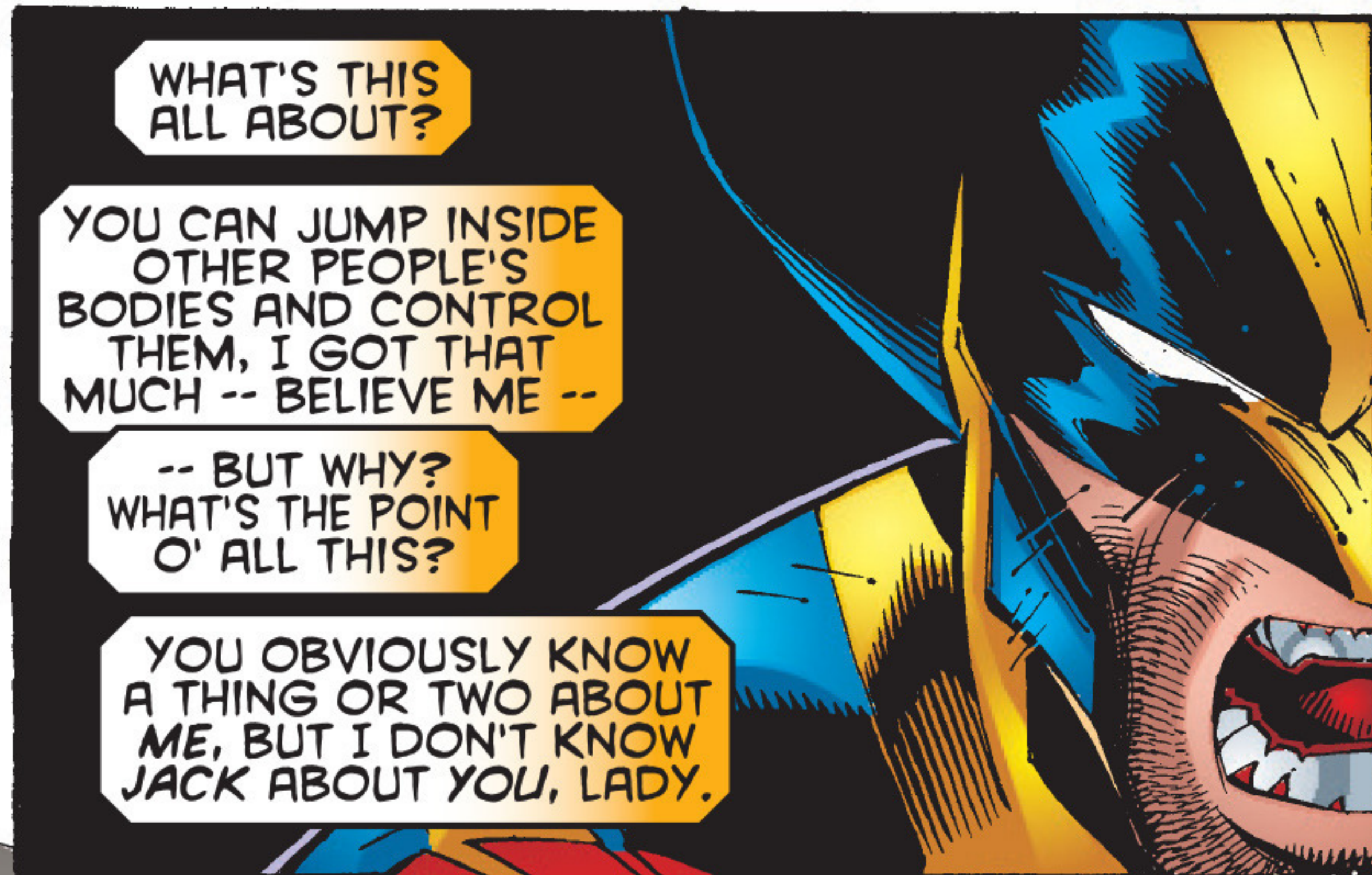
I WILL DO WHAT I **MUST**, WOLVERINE, AND IF THAT ENTAILS **KILLING...**

... THEN SO BE IT!

FOR NOW, **THOUGH...**

REEE OOOOO

... I AM **FINISHED** HERE!





UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES -- I'M NOT SO INCLINED.

LISTEN, I KNOW WOLVERINE AND HE WOULDN'T BE DOING THIS UNLESS SOMETHING WAS VERY, VERY WRONG.

YEAH? I'VE HEARD THE SAME THING ABOUT THE HULK, WIDOW -- A REAL SWEETHEART WHEN HE'S NOT GRINDING CITIES TO DUST!

RROWNL!

HEAD'S UP, PEOPLE!

HE'S ON TOP OF US!

KACHUNG

FALCON! RUN INTERFERENCE WHILE THE BLACK WIDOW AND I -

CHOK

SLAM

LOGAN -- STOP!

YOU
HEARD THE
LADY, SHORT
STUFF!
NOW
GET YOUR
HANDS IN THE
AIR OR I'LL FILL YOU
WITH ENOUGH LEAD
TO TURN YOU INTO
A STATUE FROM
THE INSIDE
OUT!

THIS GUY SOLO HAS
US DEAD TO RIGHTS.
THERE ARE ABOUT A
HUNDRED WAYS I
COULD TAKE THIS
SUCKER DOWN --

-- IF YOU WEREN'T
PLAYIN' STREET
HOCKEY WITH
MY BRAIN --

LET ME BACK AT TH'
THROTTLE, HON' --
THIS BOY'S GONNA
DO SOME REAL
DAMAGE IF Y'DON'T.

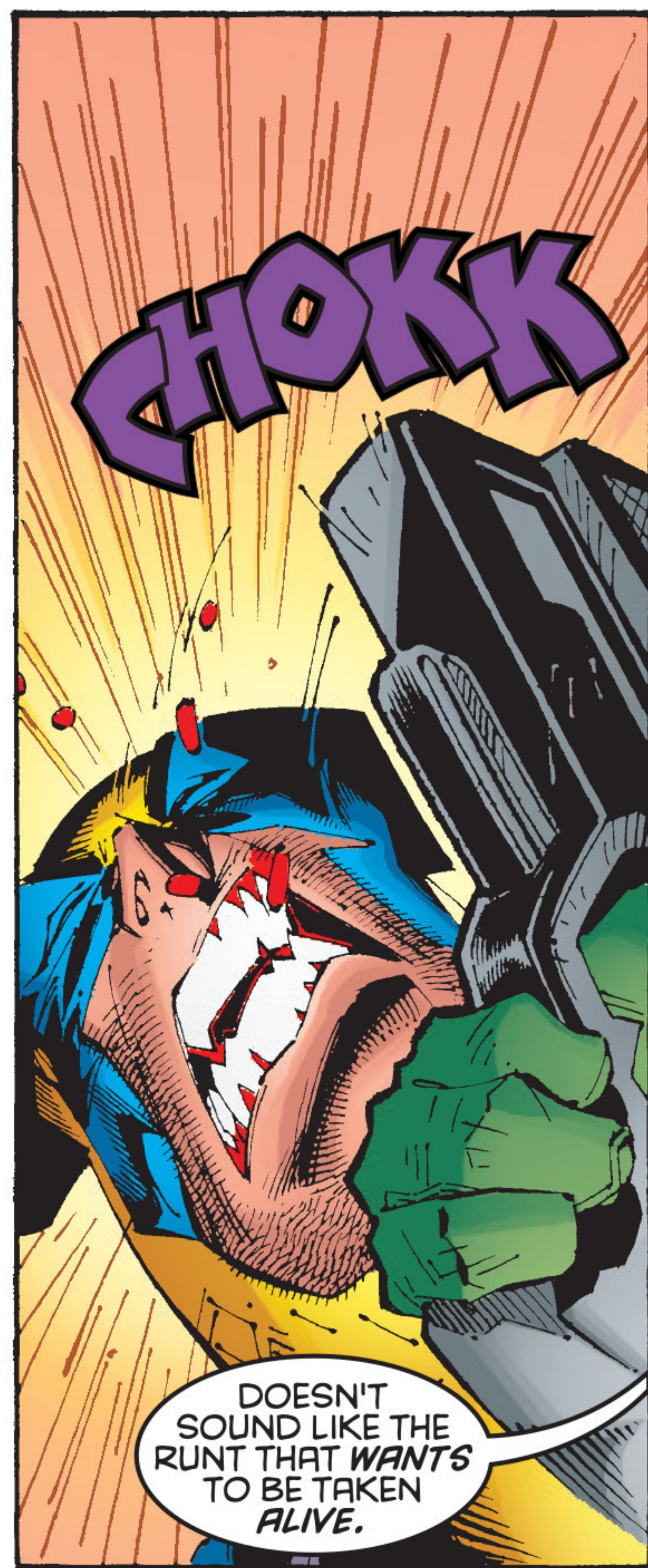
YOU SAID YOU
NEEDED MY HELP --
THEN LET ME HELP
YOU. I CAN HANDLE
THIS GUY --!

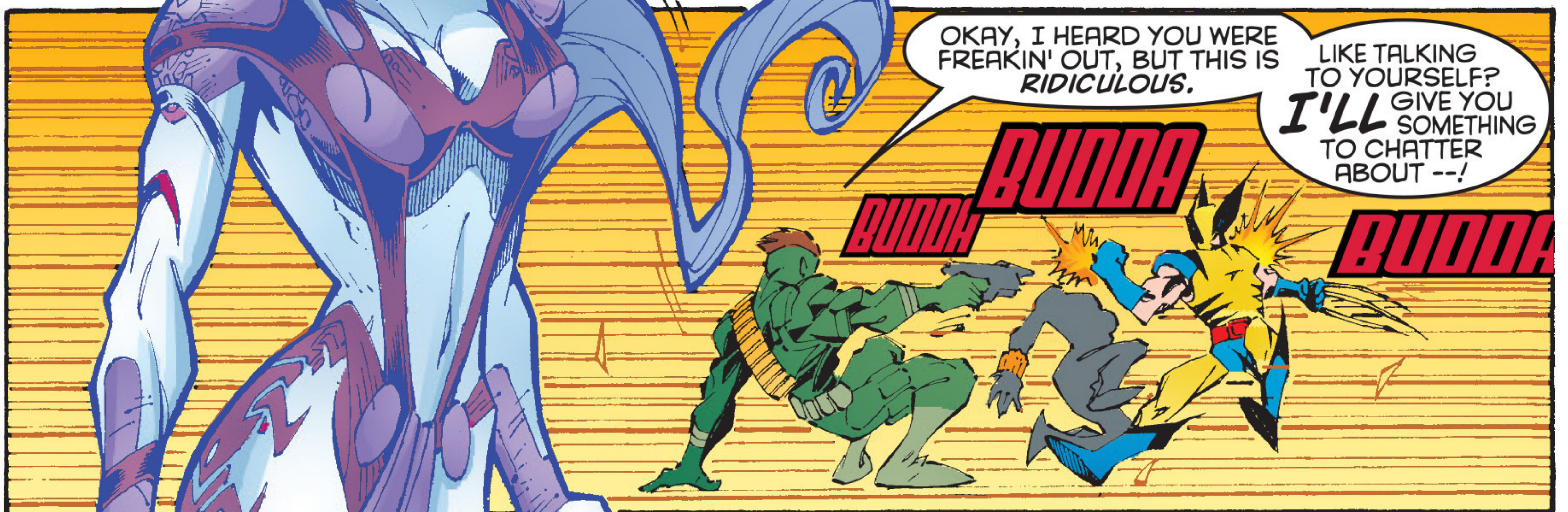
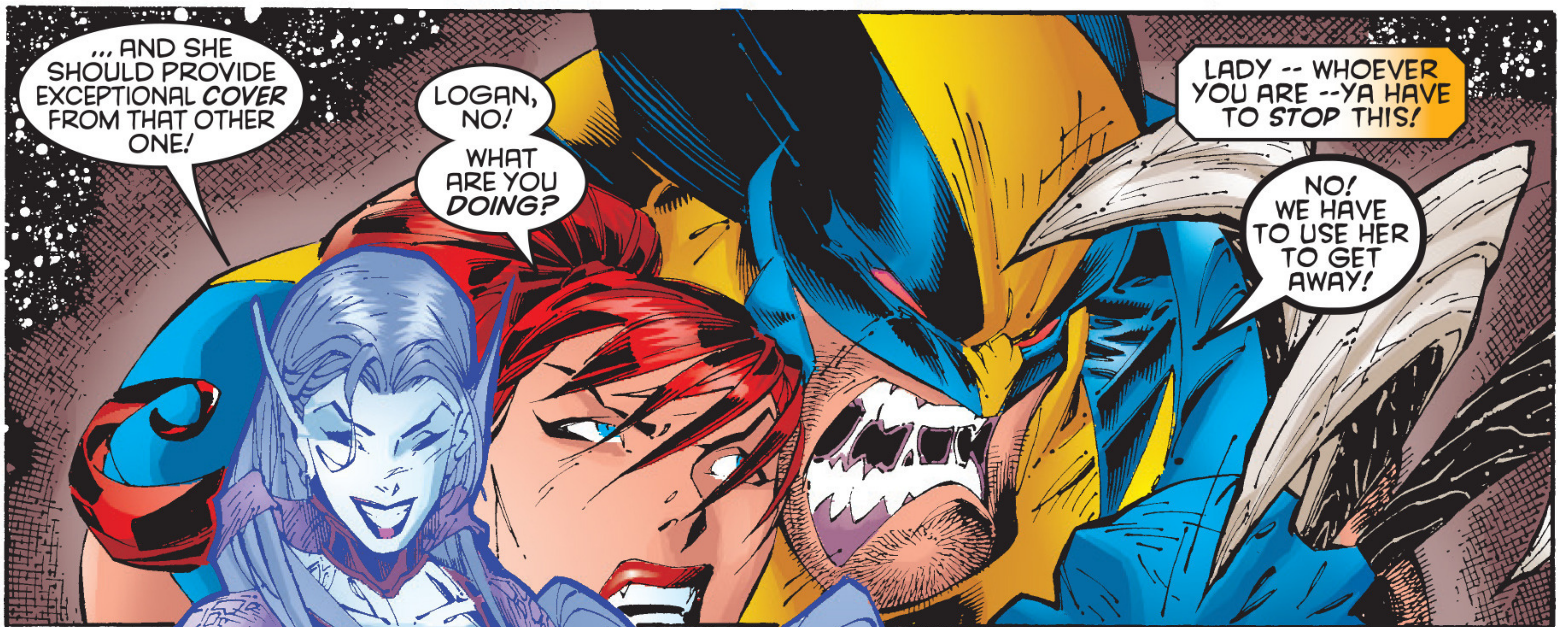
AN' NOBODY
HAS T'DIE.

TIME'S
UP!
HEY!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

LOGAN,
WATCH OUT!







I HOPE
YOU'RE *PROUD*
OF YOURSELF,
WOLVERINE.

YOU'VE DONE
A LOT OF DAMAGE
HERE TONIGHT -- BOTH
TO THE *HEROES* OF THIS
CITY AND YOUR OWN
REPUTATION.

I
SUGGEST
WE END IT
HERE.

YO,
NICE TIMING,
CARDIAC!

*CARDIAC?!
NEVER EVEN HEARD
O' THIS GUY...!*

SOMEBODY
MUST BE HAVIN' A
PAJAMA PARTY.



HAVE YOU *NOTHING*
TO SAY FOR YOUR-
SELF?

I HAD
HOPED WE COULD
RECONCILE THIS WITHOUT
MORE MINDLESS
VIOLENCE.



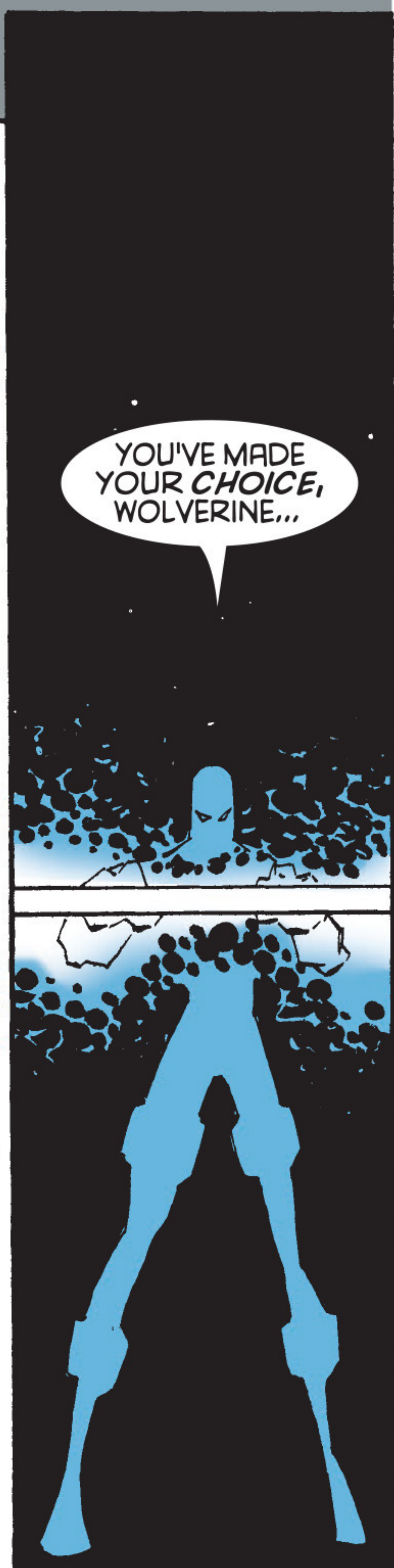
AW, MAN --
DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE
GONNA GET ALL
SOFT OVER
THIS CREEP,
TOO!

THERE'S
ONLY *ONE*
WAY TO DEAL
WITH *THIS*
GUY --

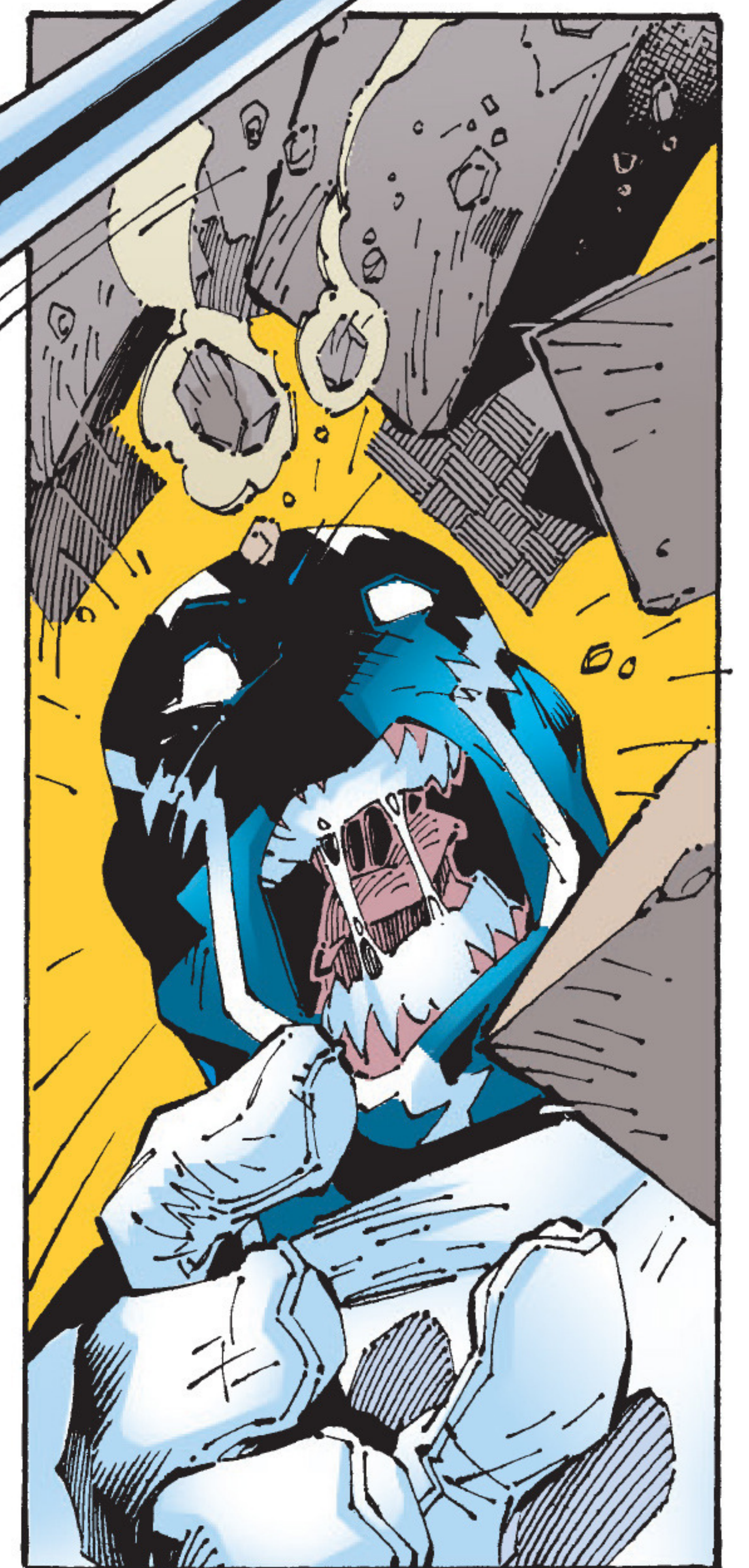
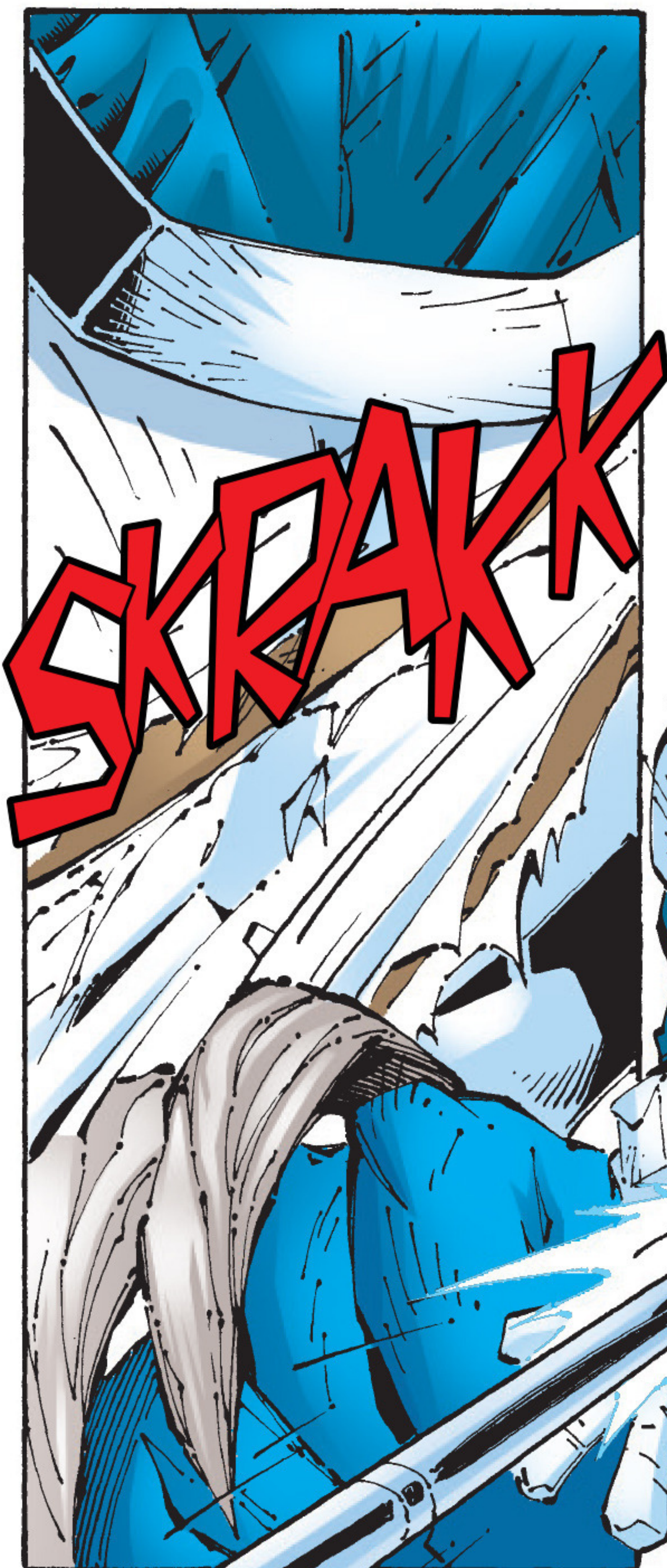
DON'T
DO IT,
LADY...!



YAH!



YOU'VE MADE
YOUR *CHOICE*,
WOLVERINE...





THERE HE IS.

YOU READY TO TAKE HIM, BOYS?

LOOK AT THOSE KIDS -- SHAKING IN THEIR BOOTS.

UH, CAN I GET **BACK** TO YOU ON THAT, **RAGE**?

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE WE ACTUALLY STAND A **CHANCE** AGAINST HIM, Y'KNOW?

MAYBE NOT ALONE, **SPEEDBALL**, BUT **TOGETHER...**

THERE HASN'T BEEN A HECKUVA LOT OF "TOGETHERNESS" FROM THE **NEW WARRIORS** LATELY, **DARKHAWK** --

-- **NOBODY** SEEMS TO MAKE IT TO THE MEETINGS. THEY'RE ALL TOO **BUSY!**

WE COULD SURE USE **NITA**, **THRASH** AND **NOVA** RIGHT NOW...!

THEY COULD SURE USE **SOMEBODY** --

IF IT'S STRENGTH IN NUMBERS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, **SPEEDBALL**, YOU CAN COUNT THE **BLACK CAT** IN!

THIS ISN'T **REALLY** MY KIND OF SCENE, BUT I **KNOW** WHAT **WOLVERINE'S** **CAPABLE** OF.

THE **MORE UNITED** OUR FRONT, THE **BETTER** OUR CHANCES.

CRASH

ARE YOU
HAPPY
NOW?

SOME O' THESE ARE PEOPLE
I KNOW AND RESPECT...
AND YOU'VE TURNED ME
AGAINST THEM LIKE SOME
KINDA RABID ANIMAL!



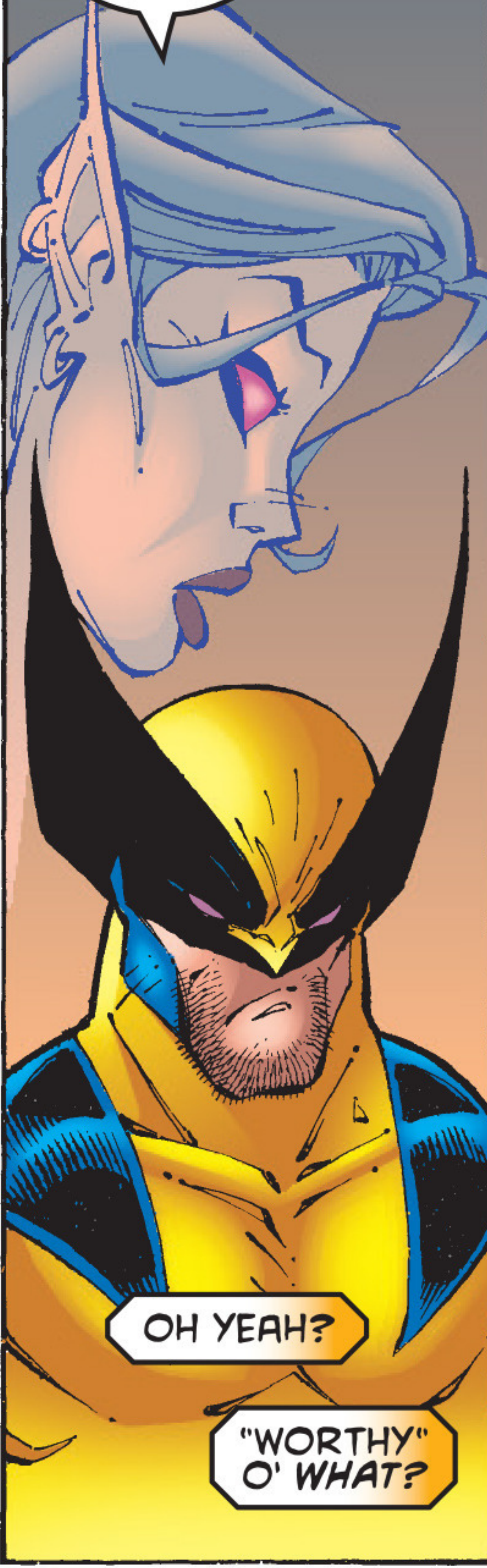
ALONG WITH MY
HEALIN' FACTOR, I
WAS BORN WITH A
HYPER-KEEN SENSE
O' SMELL, THESE
CLAWS...

... AN' A FERAL
RAGE I'VE SPENT
MY ADULT LIFE
KEEPIN' AT BAY.

THIS HAS GOTTA
STOP, DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?!

YES. I
HAVE SEEN
ALL I NEED
TO.

YOU ARE
WORTHY.



OH YEAH?

"WORTHY"
O' WHAT?



THOSE WERE MY FRIENDS, WOLVERINE!

SPEEDBALL...?

THE KID WHOSE KINETIC FIELD ALLOWS HIM TO BOUNCE ALL OVER THE PLACE?

POOR SAP. HE'LL BE LUCKY IF HE LANDS IN THE NEXT FLAMIN' COUNTY.

WHAP

OKAY, WOLVERINE --

NOW WHAT?

-- THE FARM LEAGUE GOT YOU WARMED UP, NOW LET'S SEE YOU GO A FEW INNINGS WITH THE MAJORS!

CARE TO EXPLAIN JUST WHAT THE HECK HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU?

WONDERFUL. THE HUMAN TORCH-- ONE QUARTER OF THE WORLD'S PREMIERE SUPER-TEAM, THE FANTASTIC FOUR!

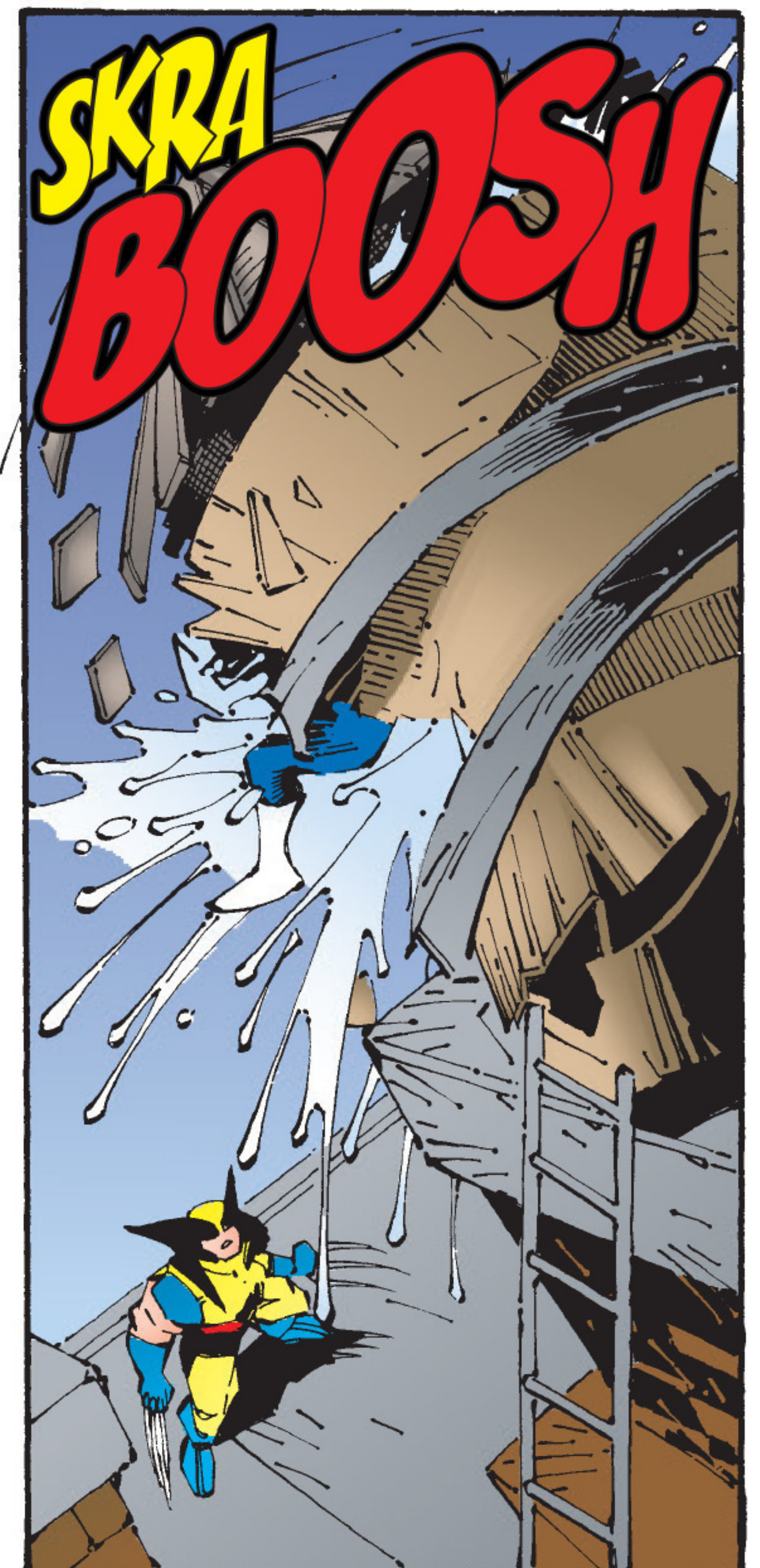
DO YOU SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

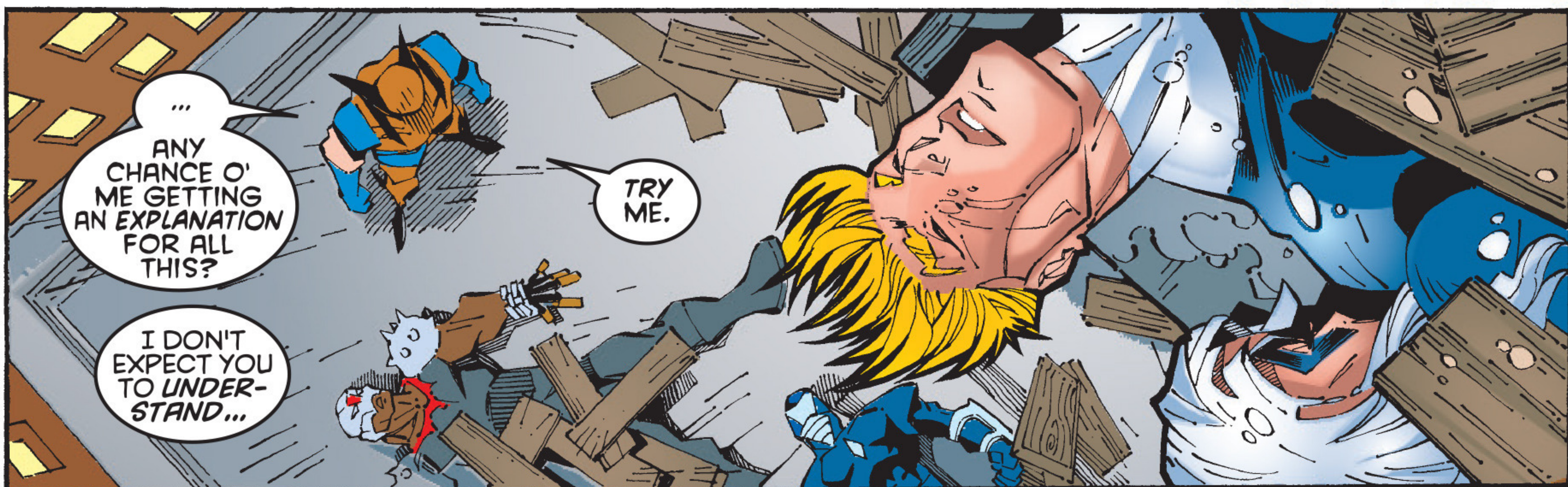
EVEN IF YOU'RE THROUGH WITH YOUR HARE-BRAINED "TEST," EVERYONE IS STILL GONNA THINK I'M RUNNIN' AROUND HALF-COCKED!

THEN WE NEED TO GET AWAY--!

RIGHT. THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE!

WHO





VERY WELL.

I'VE TRAVELED *GALAXIES* TO COME HERE, FROM A *PRISON WORLD* THAT HOLDS REPRESENTATIVES OF A THOUSAND *RACES* CAPTIVE --

-- MANY ON THE VERGE OF *EXTINCTION*.

THEY'VE COMMITTED NO *CRIMES!* THEY'RE BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR *WILL!*

I RISKED MY LIFE COMING TO EARTH -- DESERTING MY LIVING BODY -- TO FIND YOU.

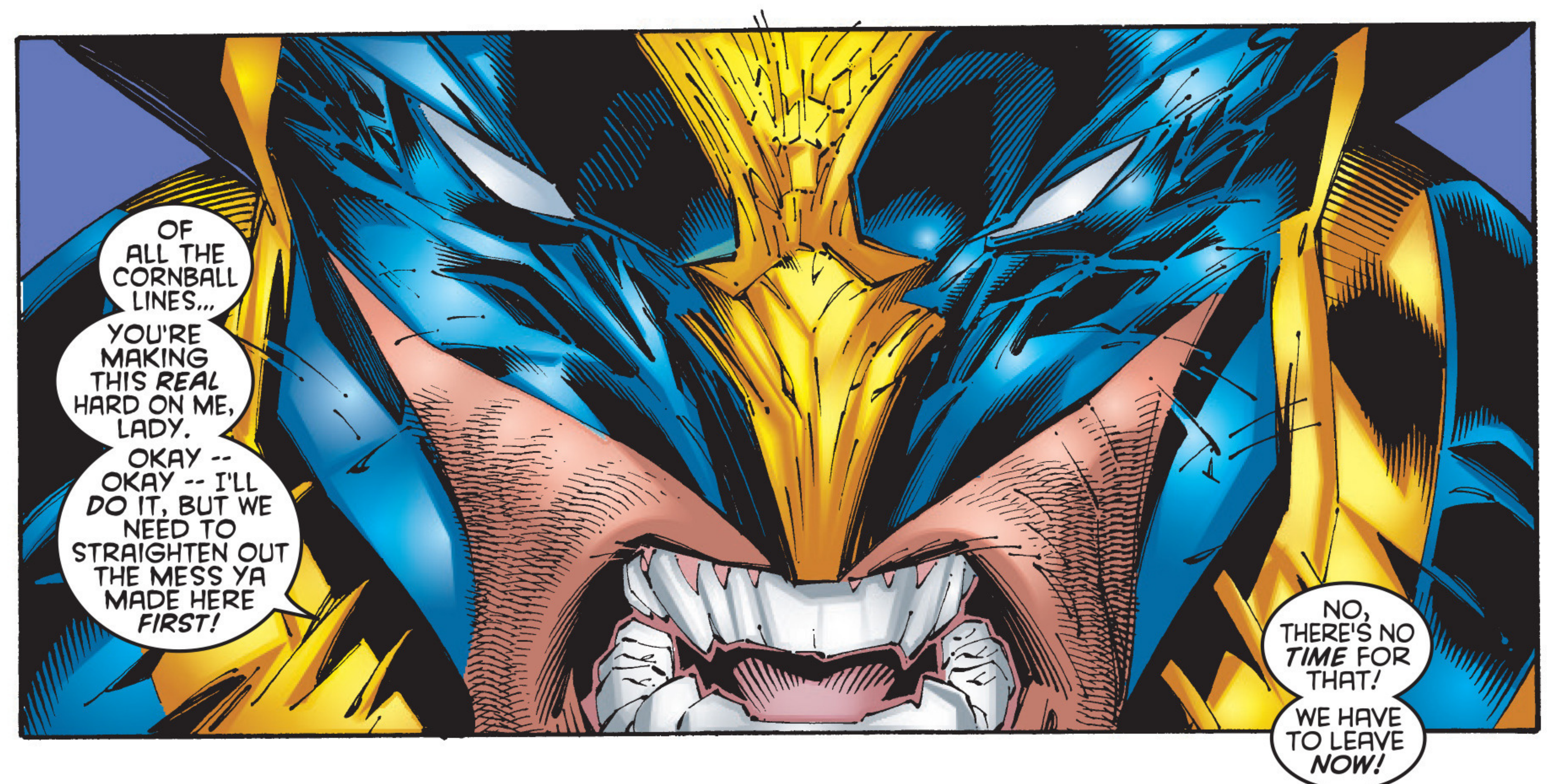
THE LONGER I REMAINED IMPRISONED IN THAT NIGHTMARISH PLACE, THE CLEARER IT BECAME THAT WE NEEDED A *CHAMPION* TO HELP FREE US.

I KNEW ONLY *ONE* BEING COULD MAKE IT THROUGH THE LABYRINTHIAN PROTECTIVE SHIELDING THAT ENCIRCLES THE SMALL PLANET... AND I'D HEARD LEGENDS OF THE OUTLAWS WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE *X-MEN*...

-- AND WOLVERINE.

"THE BEST THERE IS AT WHAT YOU DO."





MASTER... ?

YOU MAY ENTER.

WE'VE TRACKED THE TRAJECTORY OF THE STOLEN *SHIP* THAT BLASTED OUT OF THE PRIMARY DOCKING BAY LAST CYCLE.

ITS DESTINATION WAS *EARTH*.

INTRIGUING.

YES, MOST INTRIGUING.

AND WHAT OF THE ZENNAN WOMAN?

HER INVOLVEMENT IS *CONFIRMED*.

HER *BODY* HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED TO A *SPECIAL HOLDING CELL* ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FACILITY FOR *EXAMINATION*.

GOOD THAT IT HAS.

THIS MATTER SHOULD BE BENEATH MY NOTICE.

AFTER ALL, THIS INSTALLATION WAS BUILT TO DEAL WITH ANY CONTINGENCY...

... STILL, IT HELPS BREAK UP THE *TEDIUM*.

IT WOULD BE GOOD, AFTER SO LONG, TO HAVE A *DIVERSION*.

GIVEN RECENT *DEVELOPMENTS*, IT ULTIMATELY MATTERS VERY *LITTLE* THAT OUR ZENNAN FRIEND HAS *ESCAPED*...

... OR WHAT HER *INTENTIONS* ARE.



WE'RE
PREPARED
TO DEAL WITH
WHATEVER
SITUATION
ARISES!

SHE HAS
NO IDEA WHAT
SHE'S UP AGAINST --
WHO SHE'S UP
AGAINST.

NOBODY
DARES
OPPOSE--

-- THE
COLLECTOR!

SKRAKRUNCH

NEXT: CONTACT